

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/16/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 3-7, 11-15 and 19-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The amendments made to Drawings 1-9B have been considered, and all objections in reference to the aforesaid drawings are withdrawn.
2. Claims 1-2, 8-10, 16-18, and 24 have been cancelled.
3. The amendments made to Claims 3, 11, and 19 have been considered.
4. The objections to Claims 3-7, 11-15, and 19-23 have been re-evaluated in light of the amended Claims 3, 11 and 19. Claims 3-7, 11-15, and 19-23 are now found to be in compliance and are in allowable condition.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 3-7, 11-15, and 19-23 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As stated in the Non-Final First Office Action, Claims 3-7, 11-15, and 19-23 would have been allowable had they been written in independent form, as they contain steps that are indeed novel and which cannot be overcome by prior art. The applicant has combined Claims 1 and 3, Claims 9 and 11, and Claims 17 and 19 respectively to formulate three independent claims. All subsequent claims depend of the newly independent Claims 3, 11, and 19. Hence, Claim 3-7, 11-15, and 19-23 now in condition for allowance.
7. The allowability of Claim 3 will be further described in detail. Firstly, this invention is based on improving the amount of time required to recycle an information storage medium. In the past, rarely-accessed files in computer systems have remained stored and catalogued in a media storage library. The proposed invention includes a method that reads and copies one or

more sequentially encoded files comprising current information written to the information storage medium, and then skipping over one or more sequentially encoded files comprising historical information written to the information storage medium which is to be abandoned. In regards to Claim 3 for example, the system provides a method for first reading a file, identifying outdated and rarely-used files, reading the rest of the files, and then skipping the outdated and rarely-used files, thereby improving the amount of time required to recycle an information storage medium.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

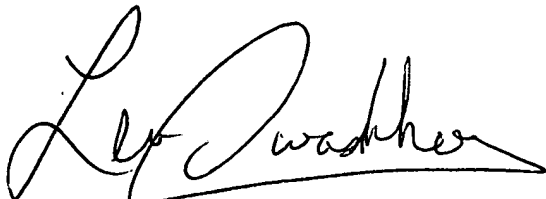
Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lev I. Iwashko whose telephone number is (571)272-1658. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 Hours Schedule), from 8-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matt Kim can be reached on (571)272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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